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To: Examiner Tran N. Nguyen**From:** Ann M. Agosti

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Phone: 703 308 1639**Date:** 15 August 2003

Re: Letter we discussed this morning


• Comments:

Attached is a copy of the letter and the papers I have regarding this file. Please call me if you have any questions.

Thank you, Ann 

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being facsimile transmitted to Examiner Nguyen of the United States Patent and Trademark Office at number 703 305 1341 on 15 August 2003 (Date). (6 pages total)

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Applicants' Docket Number: RD26121/USA (RD26121-5)
For **Slip Ring Brush Assembly and Method**

Letter Regarding Lack of Receipt of Office Action

Examiner Nguyen,

In response to our phone calls on 13 August 2003 and 15 August 2003 wherein you indicated that you had sent an Office action on 24 April 2002 and asked whether Applicants intended to abandon the application, attached is the letter you suggested Applicants sent to certify that Applicants did not receive the Office action.

When Applicants receive an office action, the Office action gets logged on the face of the physical docket and in Applicants' computer. Attached is a photocopy of the docket for RD26121USA (RD26121-5) as well as the print out associated with this docket (with the pertinent section being page 3 of the print out).

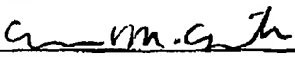
Applicants' records on each of these sources are consistent as follows:

- 29 May 2001: Application filed the Application along with the statement deleting inventors and IDS
- 6 December 2001: Office Action from USPTO due 6 March 2002
- 25 February 2002: Amendment mailed with Certificate of Mailing
- 8 April 2002: Notice of Publication from USPTO
- 6 September 2002: Supplemental IDS mailed to USPTO

Applicants do not have any record of an Office Action from the USPTO dated 24 April 2002. The September IDS had been submitted as a matter of course in response to receiving art from an EPO Examiner who had done a search on a corresponding application.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued therefrom.

Respectfully submitted,


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Title: SLIP RING BRUSH ASSEMBLY AND METHOD

AN ASSEMBLY FOR TRANSFERRING CURRENT COMPRISES AT LEAST ONE ELECTRICALLY CONDUCTIVE SLIP RING;
 AT LEAST ONE ELECTRICALLY CONDUCTIVE BRUSH FOR SUPPLYING CURRENT TO AT LEAST ONE SLIP RING; AND
Abstract: AN ELECTRIC OR PRESSURE ACTUATOR DRIVEN VIBRATION SOURCE FOR CHANGING THE POSITION OF THE
 BRUSH WITH RESPECT TO THE SLIP RING. IF DESIRED, BRUSH CURRENT CAN BE SHARED BY USING INDUCTANCE
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